WOSS School Council Minutes

April 16, 2007

Attendees:
Kelly Amos – Chair
John Stieva – Principal
Bonnie Husain – Teacher
Tara Seeber – Parent
Dianne Mosely –Treasurer
Elaine Moores – Back up Secretary
Kathy Batycky – Secretary
Daniel Neibert – Parent
Simon Khanna – Parent
Jackie Williams – Past Chair
Sandi MacDonald – Parent
Craig MacDonald – Parent

Regrets: Bob Soden

Agenda:

1. Sean Thomas – Police Constable liaison with WOSS

Officer Sean Thomas gave a very informative presentation on drug use by youth. He stressed that drug use by youth was board wide, and not only at WOSS. He explained signs to watch for if concerned your child was using drugs.

2. Minutes from February

The Minutes from February 19, 2007 were approved.

3. Student Rep Report

The student representative was not available at this meeting. Mr. Stieva did report on behalf of the students that the students were successful in raising monies for the MS Society by participating in the MS walk for Oakville. At this walk, WOSS won the award for Best Dressed Group.

4. Treasurer's Report

The council received $500 from the soccer team. This amount was given to the Debate Team.
Balance held by the Council is ____
The Board has scheduled a meeting for Council treasurers on May 1st. Diane will attend the meeting and report to Council in our May meeting.

5. Chair's Report:

a. Revising the Constitution
Daniel Neibert researched, met with Kelly and Jackie, and put together recommendations for proposed amendments to the Council's Constitution. He provided his proposals in a Handoubt (attached to these Minutes).
Council was to review the proposal, and send any proposed changes to her by email within 2 weeks.

b. Fundraising
John Welsh has to step down from the fundraising committee due to family commitments. Kelly is the only committee member currently.
Kelly put forth a fundraising proposal: a fundraising calendar that contains a lottery as well. The proposal would be to have 3000 calendars for sale by the students; price would be $20 per calendar. Pictures of student groups in the school would be put on the pages, which would be part of the selling point for parents. The council would run the draws for prizes based on a form in the calendar which the purchaser would send in
In order to run this fundraiser, the school would have to apply for a lottery licence.
There is potential to raise up to $50,000.

c. Elaine Moores' report:
- Ron Morrish presentation on April 19, Secrets of Discipline; volunteers are as follows:
Kelly and Craig: manage the book sale for Ron
Jackie: purchase water
Dianne: manage money, including cheque for Ron Morrish
Elaine: introduce Ron
Simon: thank you's and door prizes

d. Parent Involvement Dollars: Dale Andrews has helped WOSS School Council with website development; parent involvement dollars will be used to purchase a CPU for his department; estimated cost is $500. Jackie raised the motion; Daniel seconded the motion.

e. HDSB Mision/Vision Input: Kelly and Bonnie attended; the deadline to provide comments is April 23, 2007, at the HDSB website.

f. Program and Accommodation Review Committee: will meet in mid-May; will examine schools in Ward 5.

6. Principal's Report:
a. WOSS Brochure: The brochure will be updated to include current information and statistics; Dale Andrews is finishing the brochure.
b. First Card: works like a bank card; will save the school money by reducing transactions such as collecting for activities, field trips, cafeteria purchases;
- it is an all-encompassing student account card that also allows tracking of text books loaned to students; parents/students can deposit money into the account, which is debited each time there is an expenditure; money can be transferred on-line; can look at the account to see where the funds are being spent;
- IBM and Ministry of Education are piloting this at WOSS; the First Card is already used in B.C.
c. Staffing: estimated 16 teachers will be hired for September 2007

7. **Other:**
a. IB Accreditation: IB program will commence at WOSS in September 2007

b. School Effectiveness Survey: Kelly advised that the on-line survey will be available from April 23-May 18; parents are encouraged to provide input.

c. One School System: Kelly will provide website links.

A school-wide effectiveness plan will be discussed at the April or May School Council meeting. The discussion will take approximately 40 minutes.